

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th

Canada's Outdoor Farm Show Complimentary Admission & Brunch Tickets (included in Aug. PDO mailing **for dairy producers only**) 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the events tent beside the Britespan Dairy Innovation Centre sponsored by **DELAVAL INC., FARM CREDIT CANADA, EASTGEN, GRANDVIEW CONCRETE GROOVING, MYCOGEN SEEDS, NORWELL DAIRY SYSTEMS, ONTARIO DAIRY FARMER & BLYTH BRAE FARMS.**

This evening, enjoy a full course dinner and renew acquaintances in the Vansittart Room at the **Quality Inn**, at highways 401 and 59 in Woodstock

5:30 p.m. – HAPPY HOUR (CASH BAR)

6:30 p.m. – BUFFET DINNER.

After dinner our guest speaker is John De Jonge, a partner in Bakerview Ecodairy in British Columbia. Ecodairy a highly diversified and automated dairy farm beside the trans Canada highway has built a direct sales retail market around consumer education and omega 3 enriched milk. The farm has recently added an Avatar scalable plug flow digester which produces electricity, heat and bedding for the dairy. John, who is also president of Artex barn solutions, a dairy stabling and equipment manufacturer, will talk about diversification and value added approaches to dairy production and their role in our industry future.”

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th – BUS TOUR

Bus Departures:

* **Route 1 - 7:25 a.m.** from the lower parking lot of the Quality Inn, 580 Bruin Blvd.

Woodstock at 401 & Highway 59 N.(Exit 232)

* **Route 2 – 8:30 a.m.** from TBA parking lot in the Shakespeare area

(Routes will be assigned on 1st come 1st serve basis – see registration form for boxes to tick indicating preference).

Thank you to **PFIZER**, Partners in Animal Nutrition, **PIONEER, MYCOGEN SEEDS, FARM CREDIT CANADA, & MASTERFEEDS / LAKE COUNTRY ANIMAL NUTRITION** for their sponsorship of the Buffet and Bus Tour.



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Birchlawn Farms Ltd. operated by the Terpstra family, milk 450 cows using a 40 cow rotary parlour. In the barn, cattle activity monitors, RFID identification and management software are used. An automatic feed pusher runs 6 times a day. Birchlawn was one of the first Ontario farms certified for the CQM program in 2009. In 2011, they completed construction of a manure digester that incorporates 4 primary tanks and one secondary digester tank to power a 440 kW generator. In addition to manure, the digester system can utilize fats, oils and greases from the restaurant and food

sector. A DariTech manure separator and press removes manure solids which are recycled as bedding.

Evergreen Holsteins, operated by Robert and Andrea Van Nes, milk 440 cows. Activity monitors are used, pregnancy rate is 22-26%. In 2010, the farm installed a BeddingMaster manure composter that turns separated manure solids into compost in 28 hours. The composter operates 24 hours a day. Liquids from the manure press are reused in the manure system. Cows are bedded every day using the compost. A new 5-row, all steel, 260' x 110' heifer barn was completed in January 2011. The barn is designed with the option to double the barn width to a 10 row, cross ventilated barn with 2 feed alleys for milking cows.

St. Brigid's Dairy Ltd operated by Bill and Cindy Van Nes is an organic dairy farm currently milking 260 cows. A new loose housing barn was built in 2010. Cows are milked in a swing 20 parlour. In the summer, cows are outside 19 hours a day. Ration is grass forage based. The pasture wire for grazing is moved 5 to 6 times a day. Emphasis is on milk solids per acre. Herd averages 4.6% butterfat and 3.8% protein. Milk is shipped to Harmony Organic. Afi activity monitors on cows. Movable super hutches with mob feeders are used for calves.

Conlee Farms operated by Ralph and Paulette Coneybeare, built a new slatted floor free stall barn in 2011, following a barn fire in 2010. Ralph designed the barn and was general contractor. Cows are milked in 2 Lely A4 robots. Barn has a unique maternity and special needs pen area. Barn features include LED lighting used throughout the barn, tan

interior barn colour instead of white, robot slat cleaner that can use water, a custom built hydraulic cow lift for use when treating cows, Agsource mattresses, activity monitors with 11 readers throughout the barn. The farm is currently building a new calf barn. Ralph has patented the "Coneybearcade" liftable manger front for reducing feed being pushed away while allowing easy feeding and cleaning.

Lunch is included with the tour price. Catered meal at Brussels Community Centre.

Buses will return to their starting points at approx.:

- Route 1 - Woodstock 4:35 p.m.
- Route 2 – Shakespeare 5:00 p.m.

******On the registration form Please indicate Route preference and we will try to accommodate on a first come first served basis******

PLEASE ARRANGE YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS before AUG. 31st

Accommodation in Woodstock:

Quality Inn: 519-537-5586
 Special PDO Rate - includes full buffet breakfast.
 (mention Progressive Dairy Operators to get this rate)

Microtel: 519-537-2320

Super 8: 519-421-4588

QUESTIONS ??????.....check out our website www.pdo-ontario.ca

Phone: 519-846-8756.

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TO REGISTER: Complete the information below and return by mail **before September 6th:**

**PDO, c/o Carol Anne Pinkney
 62 Thomas Blvd Elora ON N0B 1S0**

OR FAX: 519-846-2016 WITH CREDIT CARD PAYMENT. before September 6th

Name(s): _____

Business Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

PC: _____

Phone:(_____) _____

If paying by Visa or M/C, please provide Card #: _____

Expiry date ____/____/____

Signature _____

REGISTRATION :
*(per person****prices include 13% HST)*

Thurs. Buffet Dinner & program \$35 _____

Friday Bus Tour (incl. lunch) \$75 _____

Non PDO Members ADD 10%: \$ _____

PDO Membership \$ _____

(\$56.50 – 1 yr / \$113 – 3 yrs)

Total \$ _____

I prefer to depart from Woodstock 7:25 am

I prefer to depart from Shakespeare 8:30 am

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Farm Show Activities & Mini-Bus Tour

SEPTEMBER 15 & 16, 2011
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